

*After more than a dozen hearings on repealing regulations, Oversight Committee should now turn to bipartisan proposals to help create jobs.*

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Today, Rep. Elijah E. Cummings, the Ranking Member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, sent a [letter](#) to Chairman Darrell E. Issa requesting hearings on the American Jobs Act introduced by President Obama last night in his address to Congress and the Nation.

"I am writing today to request that the Committee hold a series of six hearings over the next two weeks focusing in detail on proposals in the American Jobs Act," Cummings wrote. "We should launch this series of hearings on a bipartisan basis to examine carefully each component of the President's proposal in detail."

The letter follows multiple previous requests from Cummings for Committee action on measures affecting jobs and the economy. For example, Cummings sent a [letter in February](#) to Issa requesting hearings on a proposal by President Obama to create jobs by investing in America's infrastructure—a proposal [endorsed by both the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the AFL-CIO](#) and renewed by the President last night.

"Over the past seven months, you have decided not to honor my request, failed to hold hearings on this bipartisan proposal, and declined to invite these witnesses to testify," said Cummings. "I believe this was a mistake and a missed opportunity for our Committee to play a constructive role in helping to create American jobs."

Cummings added, "The President's proposal offers our Committee a second chance to act constructively to help grow the American economy."

The six hearings Cummings has requested are:

- Investing in the Nation's Infrastructure
- Helping American Families Avoid Foreclosure
- Cutting Workers' Payroll Taxes
- Helping the Unemployed Transition to the Workplace
- Cutting Taxes to Spur Hiring by Small Businesses
- Supporting Veterans, Teachers, Police, and Firefighters

As Cummings wrote in February and again today, "these are exactly the kinds of bipartisan, constructive initiatives our Committee and Congress should support."

Click [here](#) for more information on Cummings' work addressing the foreclosure crisis.